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# And the winner is... Senator Barack Obama

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Senator Barack Obama is the new President Elect; he will be sworn in on January 20, 2009.

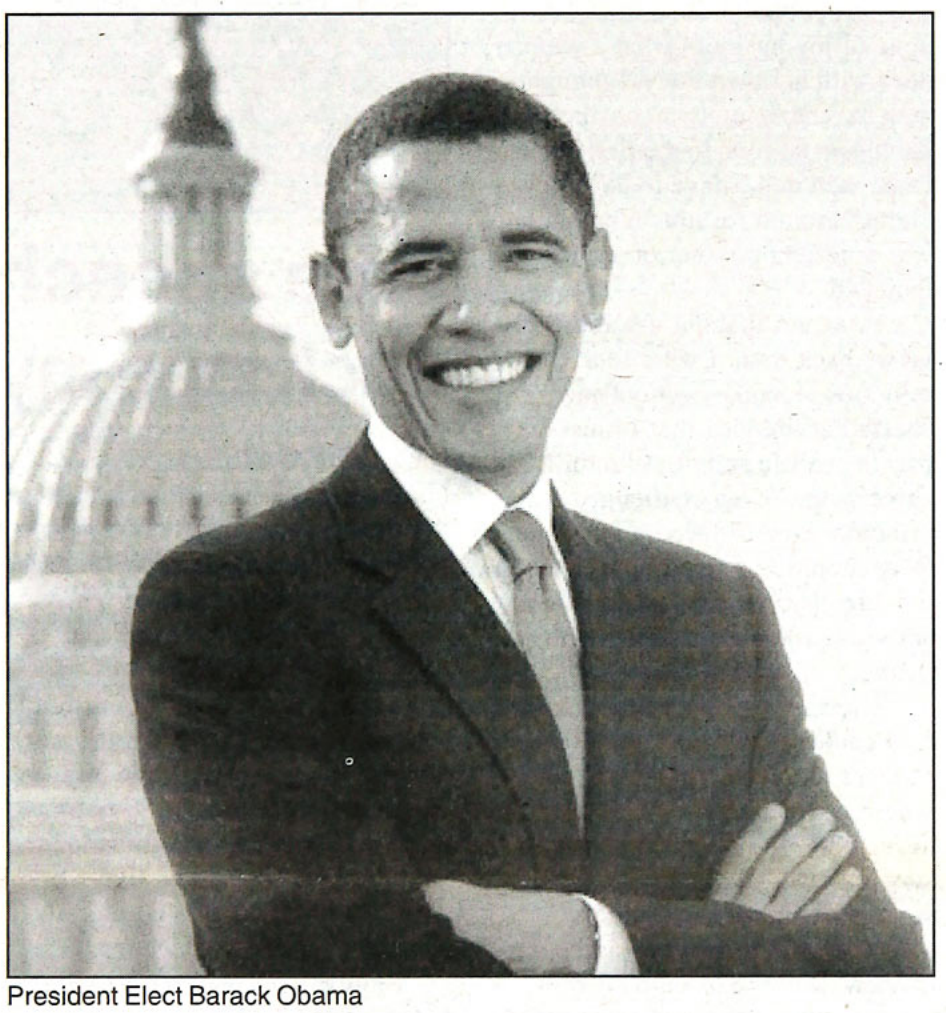
This election was particularly significant because the American people were really stepping into the 21 century by having the choice to vote for either the first African American President or the first female Vice-President.

On November fourth, the Democratic Party took back control of the White House after eight long years under President George W. Bush.

This particular race to the White House was a tough one, especially for the Democratic Party. Senator McCain was able to take a step back and work on his campaign while Senator Obama and Senator Hilary Clinton battled it out for the Democratic nomination.

Once Senator Obama won the nomination for the Democratic Party, the real battle between the Republican and Democratic parties had begun. People all over the country were predicting this to be the closest Presidential election in history.

Many voters can only remember the long drawn out election between President Bush and former Vice-President Al Gore in 2000. Even the election in 2004 between President Bush and Senator John Kerry wasn't decided until Wednesday morning.


President Elect Barack Obama

Campus was quiet November fourth; it was a gloomy dreary day. Some people showed their support by wearing Obama or McCain t-shirts or hats. Due to the significance of this election, many people on campus voted in this election. Many students voted early, registered for an absentee ballet, or just went down to the polls on Election Day.

The polls started closing at 7 p.m. Tuesday night, and once the votes were counted, Senator Obama started racking in the states. They need 270 electoral votes to win, and Senator Obama won the presidency a little after 11 p.m. Tuesday night. His total electoral votes was 349 to Senator McCain's 163 votes.

When the news of Senator Obama's victory was announced, celebration erupted on campus. Many people were disappointed for the loss of Senator McCain, but the overall feeling of elation outshone the disappointment the republic party must of felt.

"The election of Obama is a huge step forward for this country and a big step towards eradicating racism, and it's a big reason to celebrate," said sophomore Alex Boyce.

During Senator McCain's concession speech, he called for a united nation to keep the country moving despite the parties' differences.

"I urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him but offering our next President our good will and earnest effort. To find ways to come together, to find the necessary compromises to bridge our differences and help restore our prosperity, defend our security in a dangerous world and leave our children and grandchildren a stronger a better country than we inherited. Whatever our differences, we are fellow Americans, and please believe me when I say no association has ever meant more to me than that. It's natural tonight to feel some disappointment, but tomorrow we must move beyond it and work together to get our country moving again," said Senator McCain.

Following Tuesday's intense election night, Senator Obama will be the 44 President of the United States in a little over two months.

# Greek life leads the charge toward safe alcohol use

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Sober monitoring has become an integral part of event planning for many fraternities and sororities. Safety for those enjoying themselves has become a priority.

Many times during events guests become careless and may not realize how high a level of intoxication they have reached. With sober monitoring several completely sober people are on the lookout for erratic behavior, over-drinking, and the overall safety for guests in attendance.

"One of the rules that Sigma Alpha Epsilon is notorious for is that there must be one sober monitor for every ten event attendees," said Jason Delangie, risk manager and chapter educator for Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is all for sober monitoring, citing safety as a main priority. "Every sober monitor who volunteers their time shows up sober, stays sober throughout the night, and handles any and all matters that might arise throughout the event efficiently and successfully."

Sober monitors are respected by event guests.

"Rarely have there been times when guests have disrespected the risk manager or one of the sober monitors during an event. They are there to ensure everybody is having a good, safe time and are not out to inconvenience those in attendance," said Delangie.

"Sober monitors help to reduce alcohol abuse and maintain a safe environment for all to enjoy," said Cordyann Dillon, amazing member of Theta Phi Alpha fraternity. "They also promote good clean fun and social environments. As a sober monitor, you are not there only to chastise delinquent individuals, but they are also there to prevent and promote safety." Sober monitors could also be considered as life savers. Sober monitors make sure those who drank to the point of intoxication have a safe ride home, whether that means a ride with a designated driver or calling a cab. Those who are intoxicated could be irresponsible and not realize the danger they are putting themselves into.

Fraternities and sororities are becoming increasingly stricter about events with alcohol. Many chapters help by educating their members in their weekly meetings. In the Minerva's Shield, a guide for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, there is an entire 15-page chapter devoted to alcohol awareness. On campus, Greek Life has specific policies and regulations that Greek organizations have to maintain in order to maintain their allocation rights and ultimately to be in good standing with the University. These rules are geared towards safety and are not trying to take away the fun of the night.

Sober monitors are also on the lookout for unwanted guests at their respective events. Guest lists have now been implemented as yet another safety feature to help events go more smoothly. More often than not, if a guest list is not implemented, unwanted guests may show up and cause problems. It is up to sober monitors to be certain that all of the guests are indeed invited and are not detrimental to others.

Sober monitors should be respected by all guests at any event and all should realize that they are out to help, not to harm. It is a huge step forward in promoting alcohol awareness and safety, with Greek Life leading the way.

# Opinions

## You know you're at a Catholic university, right?

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
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Abortion is the killing of an innocent human being. It is not "reproductive health." It is not "a woman's choice." It is not "birth control." It is an abomination.

This has been the position of the Catholic Church since before its very creation. Saint Leo University is a Catholic university. That is why pro-choice displays are not allowed on campus.

Don't get me wrong—I'm as pro-choice as anyone. I just think the "choice" ought to be made prior to conception. The "choice" ought to be whether or not one engages in sexual activity with the understood consequence of pregnancy foremost in the minds of the chooser. If a woman does not want to become pregnant, she should not have sex. If a man does not want to become a father, he should not have sex. It's really quite simple, when you think about it.

But, therein lies the problem: too many people aren't thinking before acting. "It just happened." "I didn't think I'd get pregnant." "I thought she was on the pill." These lame excuses do nothing to change the fact that two human beings, endowed by their Creator with free will, chose to engage in activity they knew could result in pregnancy. The circumstances do not matter. The decision to perform the act does.

The battle for human rights begins before birth. We living human beings ought to be fighting for the rights of the unborn—those who have no voice of their own.

Forty million human lives have been lost to abortion in this country alone. Forty million. Abortion will soon prove more destructive to the human race than Mao Tse Tung's glorious communist revolution. It's already taken more lives than Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviet Union.

Forty million human lives ended in the name of "reproductive choice." How so many of us can sit around and do nothing—or, worse yet, advocate for the "right" to destroy innocent human life—is beyond my understanding.

When I was in high school, I was pro-choice. I thought it was none of my business what a woman does with her own body. I thought men have absolutely no business having an opinion in the first place, since men don't have to carry a "fetus" around for nine months. I was a perfect product of 1970s feminism.

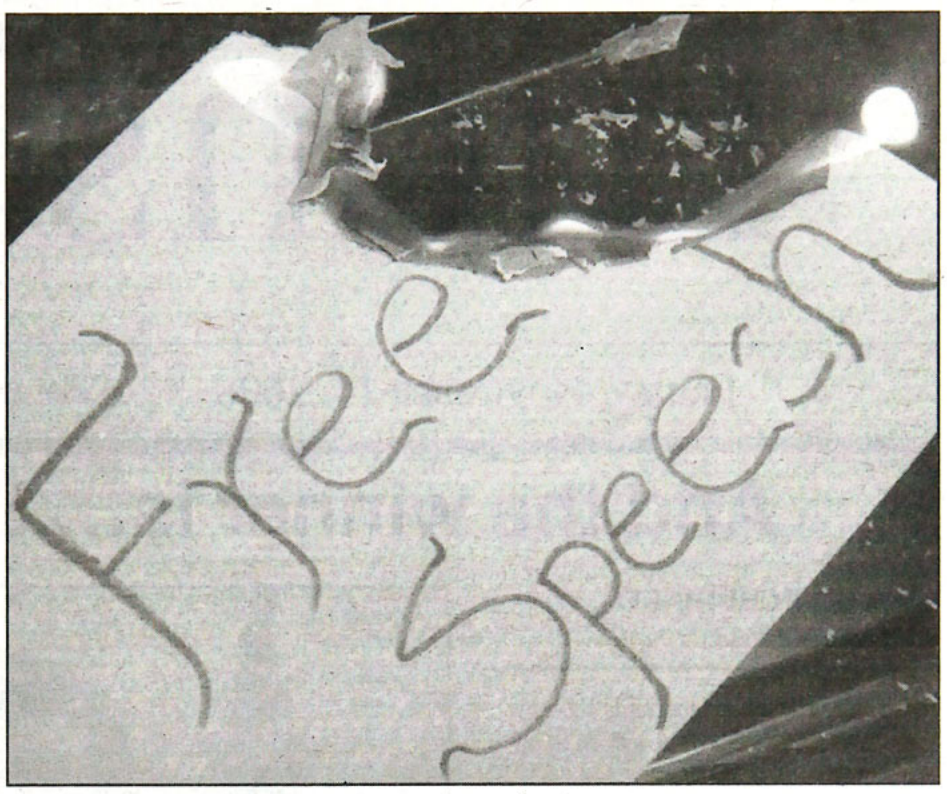
I was vocal about my abortion views back then. I went to a religious secondary school and chaffed at the idea that I must take part in pro-life activities I didn't agree with. I even challenged the principle face-to-face on the issue. Why should I be required to attend pro-life chapel services and other activities when I disagreed with them?

The answer was, I didn't have to. I could, at any time, choose to transfer to a different school, one where pro-choice views were acceptable. In the end, I chose to stay at that school, attend the services, and, for the first time, actually listen to the opposing point of view. It didn't change my mind—that didn't happen until years later—but it did help me overcome my certainty in my own absolute correctness.

Saint Leo University is not requiring pro-choice students to attend pro-life activities. All they are doing is restricting the display of pro-choice literature. That is completely within their rights as a private, religion-based institution.

Anybody who willingly attends a Catholic university ought to understand that. Abortion has been a defining issue for the Catholic Church—for the Christian Church—since the very beginning. It is one of the issues that set Christians apart from pagans: those silly Christians had something against killing babies, whether born or unborn.

So, my fellow Saint Leo students, nobody is requiring you to agree with the Catholic Church, but you are being required to respect the beliefs of others and the beliefs of the educational institution you chose to attend. No one is taking away your freedom of choice.




## Free speech, 'till they duck tape my mouth shut

BY KATIE GAISER
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Free speech is a right that we are all entitled to as Americans. As citizens of this country, we enjoy the right to share our opinions and speak our minds any time we chose. However, it's not always as simple as: have an opinion, tell the world. Sometimes, we must abide by certain rules when in certain places, like when standing on Saint Leo University soil.

I know what you're thinking: Saint Leo is on American soil, right? So, students should have access to the same rights on and off campus, right? Wrong, folks. It appears that at a Catholic university, the same rules do not apply.

A few weeks ago, a pro-life religious group on campus, called Imago Dei, posted a banner in support of their pro-life movement. Some students were offended by this and argued that if Image Dei can post their banners, why can't the pro-choice movement post any? So, some one or some people proceeded to post pro-choice fliers all around campus, demanding their voices be heard. In response to this, the University tore them down immediately, claiming they not only lacked permission to hang such fliers, but they would never be approved because the University does not support the pro-choice opinion.

And so, the debate stands. Should these students have the right to post their opinions around campus even though it's against the Catholic church? Well, isn't it possible that not everybody on this campus is a Catholic? If I do recall, Saint Leo told me I'd "love the person I become here." What if part of the person I love and become here is pro-choice? Sure I can be pro-choice; I just have to keep quiet about it.

I guess in all fairness, it does kind of make sense the University doesn't want to represent an opinion they don't agree with. We did, after all, choose to come to a Catholic university. Granted, perhaps the real definition of "be who you want to be" is subject to change depending on the issue. However, does is it really bother the University that much to support the right to free speech? Are there really going to be people losing sleep over this? I doubt it. And doesn't the right of free speech rule over the opinion of the church? We may not all be Catholics, but we are certainly all Americans.

What's important to remember is free speech is not a right to protect what a person believes; it is a right to protect a person's ability to share his or her belief with the world. Free speech protects the pro-life movement too. And while I feel as though the University has every right to express their opinion by tearing these posters down, pro-choice students have just as much right to express their opinions by hanging them back up. Good luck, fighters for free speech. Hope is not lost yet.


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# The votes are in and change has won.

**BY JESSICA O'KEEFE**
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The votes are in and Obama is it.

After months of speeches, rallies, and a few debates, the next president has been decided. America has voted for change. Tuesday, November 4, 2008 marked a historic day in America's history. For the first time, a minority was elected President of the United States.

"Winning the presidency for Obama is the latest in a lifetime of dramatic, self-induced transformations: from a child reared in Indonesia and Hawaii to a member of Chicago's African-American community; from an atheist to a Christian; from a wonkish academic to the smoothest of politicians; and now, from an upstart who eight years ago was crushed in a Congressional race to the first black Commander in Chief of the only superpower on earth," said *The New York Times.*

But why did Obama win? Was it his charisma and good looks? Was it his powerful speeches? Was it his promise of change? Or, was it. because he represents a minority? Some students admitted that race was a huge factor in their voting, while others said it played no role.

"Race played no factor in my voting. I am in ROTC and I voted for Obama because I liked his ideas, especially his idea of getting the military out by 2012," said sophomore Vanessa Macekura. "Plus, I think McCain is a little messed up from being a POW for 5 years."

Another student agreed with Macekura.

"I voted for Obama. I voted for a change. This is what this country needs. I believe that he will try his best to do everything he says and I support him," said Alysha Wilkinson.

When the announcement was made and Obama had won well over the required 270 electoral votes, the news spread rapidly over campus resulting in many mixed emotions. Throughout every corner of Saint Leo's campus, students cheered and chanted for Obama's victory. Others booed at McCain's loss. Over near the apartments, there was a parade. Students banged pots, pans, and played loud music. Needless to say, not everyone was thrilled about this. This caused a rift between a few students, but it was ended once police arrived.

The morning after the election there was another indecent; this took place in the dining hall. Sandwich maker Lynn X got into a disagreement with Rich Vogel. Lynn had a newspaper close to his cooking station and Rich threw it out because workers are not allowed to have anything close to the food they are preparing. Lynn took this as racist move, considering Obama was on the cover of the newspaper. This led to a heated dispute and ended with Lynn being escorted off campus by security.

Race was even mentioned in John McCain's concession speech.

"A century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt's invitation of Booker T. Washington to dine at the White House was taken as an outrage in many quarters. America today is a world away from the cruel and frightful bigotry of that time. There is no better evidence of this than the election of an African-American to the presidency of the United States," said McCain. "Let there be no reason now ... Let there be no reason now for any American to fail to cherish their citizenship in this, the greatest nation on Earth. Senator Obama has achieved a great thing for himself and for his country."

This statement proves that no matter what side chosen, this was still a monumental day in America's history.

# The low down on room inspections

**BY DONOVAN RUMMEL**
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The room inspections, or rather the health and safety inspections, are held once a semester by all R.A.'s, but not everyone is aware of what they are for.

Just to clear everything up for the masses, the inspections were intended to be, as the name implies, a form of "checking up" on the students

"Making sure all the laws are being followed, no violations," said junior R.A. Norlan Saballos. It seems they were just how they sounded, a health inspection to make sure the room had sanitary living conditions and whether or not the room would be safe in the event of a fire. They were brought about by res-life and were to be handled by all R.A.'s, but the quality and consistency of the inspections varied by person and building

So what did Saballos have to say about room inspections in the future?

"Just keep your room clean, you know; a dirty room is a dirty life." Saballos urges students to keep their rooms clean so as to ease room inspections for next semester.

This is what RAs usually look for:

Alcoholic beverages or paraphernalia- The only designated areas for consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus are the Student Center and the new apartments where all residents of a suite are all of age.

Bicycles- For safety reasons, bikes cannot be kept in rooms, hallways, walkways, lounges, or any area that isn't a bike rack. In short, bikes are to be kept in the designated bike racks available all across campus.

Pets- Any pet, other than fish and hermit crabs in small (20 gallon max.) aquariums, are not allowed in the residence halls at all. Pets considered poisonous are not allowed on campus at all.

# Profit vs. party

## Student house party busted

**BY LINDSAY RENNER**
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Several Saint Leo University students were arrested last month in connection to a house party thrown in the Wesley Chapel area.

The party was hosted by a group of students known as the Tri State Boyz. While not the first to be hosted, it was the first to be busted by the police.

On October 19, 2008, around 1:50 a.m., the Pasco County Sherriff's department responded to a complaint about a large house party at 32548 Greenwood Loop in Wesley Chapel. Upon arrival, the police discovered that those hosting the party were charging people a three dollar entry fee to the party.

According to Doug Tobin, Public Information Officer for the Pasco County Sherriff's Department, the party was "probably one of the largest encountered [...]with upwards of 120 people present," as well as there being several open alcohol containers present in the house where the party was being held.

Tobin stated that the party itself was not the issue. The problem presented itself when the hosts began charging people to come into the house and drink.

This violates Florida state law, as only licensed distributors can charge patrons for alcohol. This, along with the underage drinking, led to the students' arrest. Another student was arrested for resisting arrest. All three students taken into custody were charged and released, and are awaiting their court dates.

Tobin has stated that he hopes the individuals arrested will learn from their "youthful indiscretions" and that having a house party is not necessarily something to be discouraged; it only becomes an issue when it grows to such a large size and people are being charged upon entrance.

# Saint Leo doing business in Asia

**BY SIMONE WILLIAMS**
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Saint Leo University's MBA is moving to Asia!

Recently, Saint Leo's MBA program established a partnership with the Lincoln Business School to expand the program into Taiwan, Singapore, and Shanghai. With more than 1,000 students enrolled worldwide, this expansion offers the MBA program to more students who couldn't access it before.

"We have one in Taipei, Taiwan. They just kicked off one group, and I think they have about 30 students there who are participating in it on a weekend sort of basis," said Dr. Pete Simmons the associate dean for the school of business. Taipei, or Taipei City, is located in in northern Taiwan. After getting accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the MBA program kicked off around the beginning of September.

"We have another on that they are trying to get going in the middle of Taiwan and another in the south. But, those aren't as far along as the one in the north, the one in Taipei," said Simmons.

Simmons said it's a long and detailed process to get accredited, but it looks good for the other two in Taiwan.

"A lot of the process is getting approvals from their government, their Administer of Education, and our accrediting agency here," said Simmons. "There's a lot of paper work involved to make sure they meet the criteria SACS has set up. Even though they are far away, they still represent Saint Leo University."

According to Simmons, the process took around two and a half years to get going and kicked off sometime in September. Saint Leo-esque classes are being offered in a whole new setting. And, in order to do so, it takes a lot of careful planning and approvals. But, it seems that Saint Leo's Business program has no problem getting approvals. There's another program in China.

"We also have one in Hong Kong," said Simmons. Hong Kong is a large territory located on the southern coast of China. With a population of almost seven million, it is one of the most densely packed areas in the world. With the MBA program in such a fast growing region, there can only be an increase in the amount of students enrolling in the program.

"There are a lot of people there, but it's a very international setting," said Simmons. "There are people from Canada, Australia, England, Africa...all sorts of people. It's an international hub," said Simmons.

Approximately 25 students enrolled in the MBA program in Hong Kong.

While there are mostly students from Hong Kong and Taipei enrolled in these programs, the programs are all-encompassing. Students from Saint Leo University can also earn their MBA in Asia.

"We want to take some of our people over there to see what it's like to take a class or two, visit, see the country," Simmons said. "Especially from a business perspective, I think it's good for the students to go around to the different industries and organizations to see how business is conducted in Hong Kong or Taiwan. That exchange is really important."

Either in America or in China, students still receive the same degree. Simmons actually just got back from a trip to Hong Kong, a trip he said he enjoyed thoroughly.

"The students over there work very hard. American students can learn something from them," Simmons said.

For more information on the program, contact Dr. Robert Robertson at robert.robertson@saintleo.edu.

# Ticket prices discourage holiday travelers

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Thanksgiving is traditionally all about family, food, and fun. This year it is going to be more costly to fly home and partake in these joyful festivities. Some last minute tickets are costing extravagant amounts of money that travelers can not afford.

While the holidays are typically a more expensive time to travel, the 2008 holiday season may be the most expensive yet. The Thursday before Thanksgiving, November 20, to the Sunday after, November 30, is one of the costliest times to travel. With school vacations, this is also the time when the majority of students are in search of plane tickets home. Flying out before Thanksgiving is not usually the problem. That Sunday, November 30, is when travelers are really hit with high air fares. The day before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after are two of the busiest travel days of the year.

Although the cost of fuel is currently decreasing, U.S. domestic airlines are still charging fuel surcharges on flights. Surcharges could be anywhere from less than $20 to almost $170 roundtrip on flights in the United States. This is causing a commotion with travelers because lower fuel prices should technically result in lower air fares, but this is not the case. Travelers are still dealing with fuel surcharges even with the lower fuel costs.

According to *ABC.com*, fewer travelers are flying because of the current state of the economy. Although there is an oil crisis, people were still purchasing airline tickets. This financial crisis is causing more people to stop flying altogether, which leads to the cutting back on the number of flights provided.

*NewYorkdailynews.com* reports flights are packed every year, but this year there will be 10 percent fewer seats to go around. The cuts amount to more than 280,000 seats nationwide every day - or nearly 3 million in total over the 10-day extended Thanksgiving travel time. Some airlines are also cutting back the number of direct flights offered to customers. Less choice or options leads to higher prices because the airline companies know that customers will pay the outrageous prices anyway.

The busy Thanksgiving season will be many travelers' first encounter with the slimmed-down schedules. The effect of fewer flights and full planes will make it harder for fliers to recover from delays, missed connections, and canceled flights, says *USAToday.com*. In many of these cases, travelers may not be able to find replacement flights to get them to their destination.

According to *USAToday.com*, US Airways won't operate 40 percent of the flights it flew Thanksgiving Day last year. Delta Air Lines cut 26 percent of Thanksgiving Day flights, and United Airlines cut 22percent.

The longer consumers wait to purchase tickets, the higher the cost will be. Travelers may also face difficulty in finding flights that are not already completely full. There still may be some hope though. If a customer is willing to deal with the hassle of a non-direct flight, they can usually find better deals. Some websites such as Orbitz.com and Cheaptickets. com can also sometimes give better deals than buying directly from the airline. More often than not though, these websites charge some sort of membership fee or other fees in order to use their service.

Fortunately, airlines such as JetBlue Airways and Southwest Airlines are not following the trend of reducing flights. According to *USToday.com*, JetBlue will operate 3 percent more flights while Southwest will add 15 extra flights November 29-30 to meet the growing demand.

While a cheap ticket is not impossible, it is going to be tough to find. Thanksgiving travelers should book as soon as possible in order to get the best deal.

# What are you thankful for...?

**BY COLLEEEN SHANAHAN**
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With Thanksgiving just around the corner, students are busy thinking about and planning their Thanksgiving breaks. Here are just a few of the plans students have:

"I am going home to Virginia. Thanksgiving isn't that big of a holiday for our family, but we do always have Thanksgiving dinner with the immediate family. We make it a point to go visit our other family. We don't do anything super special. We tend to just have the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, but none the less, it's still my favorite holiday," sophomore Jordan Coates said.

"Thanksgiving is up in the air for me," said freshman Grant Posner

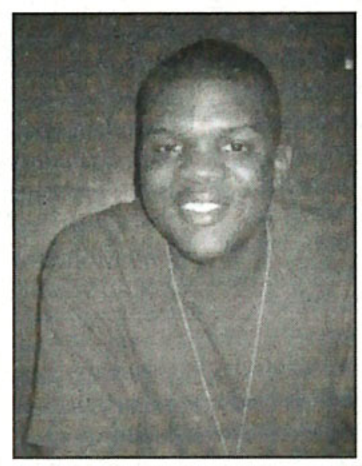
"I am going home to New Jersey for Thanksgiving. I am not looking forward to the 50 degree days and 30 degree nights. I hate the cold," said junior Pia Rosche.

"I am going home to the Bahamas to spend time with my family. I am also working with Saint Leo's admission office to recruit potential students," said senior Mario Jones.

"For Thanksgiving, I am going to Oklahoma with my mother and brother to see my aunt. We usually play a lot of Xbox around this time," said junior David Salviejo.

"During my break, I am headed up to the Appalachians to see my aunt and uncle. We always watch the Cowboys play football," said junior Zack Stoffers.

No matter where students go or what they do, they should have fun and be safe over the holiday break.



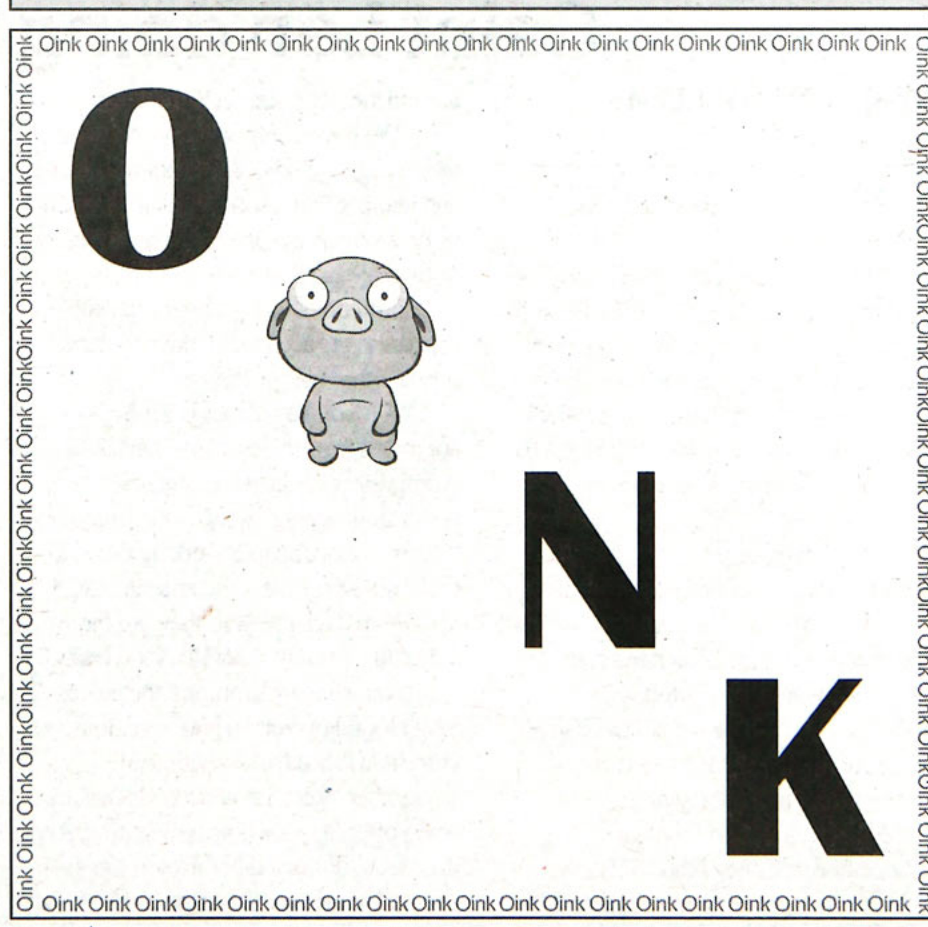
Grio O'Bryan - St Croix - Junior

"Because we are considered part of the US, everyone gets out of school and work on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, to me, means giving thanks for the things in life that are meaningful. I am thankful for being alive and well."

Melissa "Missie" Bartkowski
New Jersey - Senior

"I am thankful for my family and my education. When I get out of here, hopefully I'll work at a hotel or on a cruise ship. I'm not really too sure, I haven't narrowed it down yet. But, we will see what happens."

*The Lions' Pride* wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgivign break.



# Back from the edge of death with a message for students

**BY LISA KING**
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The atmosphere was light despite the seriousness of the presentation. Most people were prepared for a boring lecture about drunk driving, but what they got was a hilarious surprise.

At first, it was hard to pick out speaker Nicole Martingano from the crowd, but it soon became apparent as she swaggered around with a belt that said "Gator Belt."

Martingano started her presentation by reading aloud her Victim Impact Speech, which she also read to the person who caused the car accident. Martingano considered herself lucky to survive the horrific accident, especially since she was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown out of her car.

"Scars are souvenirs you never lose," said Martingano as she showed the audience the scars on her leg, arms, and neck.

On a Saturday night in February 2006, Martingano, a University of Florida (UF) sophomore, was driving back to UF when a drunk driver hit her head-on— literally crushing Martingano's car. When the paramedics arrived on the scene, they thought she was already dead because of the severity of the crash. Martingano was rushed to the nearest hospital seconds away from the crash. When Martingano's parents were notified of the accident, they did not know whether she was dead or alive, and her twin sister could physically feel the pain her sister was going through.

Martingano suffered a broken ACL, paralysis on the left side of her body, a crushed heel, memory loss, and other severe injuries. Her hospital bill came up to $336,000. Martingano spent her spring break in a hospital, while the drunk driver spent her spring break on a cruise. The time it took for Martingano to recover was a year and a half, and the time it took before she was able to walk with a cane was four and a half months.

Martingano showed a heart breaking video of how she learned to walk, jump, and tie her shoes.

"Alphabetizing was hard for me; I couldn't walk, I couldn't tie my shoes, and I had a hard time balancing…" said Martingano.

Afterwards, Martingano detailed the judicial consequences of receiving a DUI, such as: possible five years in prison maximum, driver's license suspension for three years, revocation of the right to vote, and many others if someone dies in the accident.

The presentation was sponsored by Saint Leo's Students Against Irresponsible Decisions (SAID), organization which promotes responsibility, peer health, and wellness education.

# Fall Family Festival: Bulls and cowboys on campus!

**BY CASEY MCKENNA**
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When thinking of what to do on a weekend at the end of October, a student might cringe at the thought of staying indoors on a beautiful Saturday afternoon and studying for midterms or working tirelessly on papers and projects. This was not the case for students at Saint Leo University during the Fall Family Festival, which took place October 24 through October 26.

The campus sprang to life with students and families who came out to see what Saint Leo University's Fall Festival had to offer.

The sun and beautiful weather was inviting to even the most dormant students. With a good crowd turnout, the Fall Family Festival was a success. Students and visiting parents witnessed things that normally aren't seen on a university campus. The biggest attractions were the bulls and cowboys. Yes, bulls and cowboys! How many undergrads can say that they spent a weekend watching a bull riding competition on their university's lawn? Not many.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Students Jared Denz and Heather Omeron posed as Sigmund Freud and a cowgirl for a Psychology Club fundraiser.

Students and their families also enjoyed funnel cakes and mechanical bull riding. Young siblings of students attending Saint Leo gravitated toward the petting zoo constructed for the event.

The Fall Family Festival allowed students to learn about clubs and organizations on campus, and it also helped the clubs and organizations raise money. The communication management club sold candy grams, while SLU TV video-taped parents' "shout outs" to their sons and daughters.

"It was a lot more exciting than my freshman year. I especially loved "Sheriff" Pam Savoia and her posse," said senior Julia Fiscus.

Meanwhile, Michael Smith, a freshman, was experiencing the Fall Family Festival for the first time. Smith, along with many others, enjoyed the mechanical bull more than anything else.

Throughout the afternoon, students, professors, staff, and families enjoyed live music and tasty food. There were contests and games that both young and old alike participated in. The afternoon ended on a lively note when the ladies of Theta Phi Alpha and the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi performed an entertaining step routine for all festival- goers to enjoy.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Gamma Epsilon members Sarah McHale and Liz Esposito enjoy a relaxing, bubble filled train ride accross the bowl.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Theta Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi members entertain guests with a dance.

# Saint Leo art show - the picture of success!

**BY KERRI HEASELY**
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The annual Saint Leo art and photography exhibition was held on Thursday, November 6 in St. Edwards Hall.

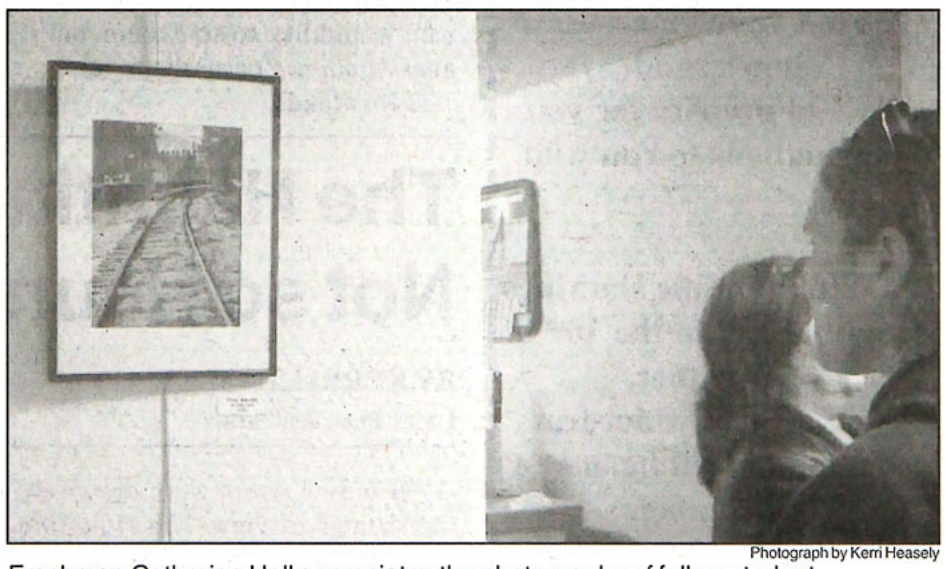
The walls were filled with drawings, paintings, and photographs all done by fellow Saint Leo students.

The room was covered with brightly colored pictures and paintings depicting different areas of interest with some of the proud artists standing nearby their work. The backdrop was warm and inviting, with light refreshments as well as live music played by two talented Saint Leo students.

Many onlookers roamed among the art work, admiring the talent that can be found at this university. Students and faculty alike mingled among the art and lovely sound of the live music.

"These students are very talented. They have all done a great job," said freshman Catherine Hall.

Some of the photographers showcased included Sarah Shirina, Rosanne Cannizzo, Joshua Weichmann, Heather Omran, Amanda Joa, Ambline Jean, Erin Shortt, and John Souza. There were also paintings and drawings done by Leo Competello, Amanda Mastronardi, Christina Gonzalez, Jessica Badger, and Nicholas Nunes as well as many others.



Photograph by Kerri Heasely
Freshman Catherine Hall appreciates the photography of fellow student sophomore Erin Shortt during the reception.

"This show is held every year. I am extremely proud of all the work on the walls and the effort the students put forth," said Karen Phillips, painting and drawing professor at Saint Leo University. "We are showing the best of the best; the students do most of the work but it is a collaborative effort as well. I let them handle all of the manual work- hanging the pictures," said Philips jokingly.

The art exhibit proves once again how much talent there can be found at Saint Leo University. There are many beginners who take such art classes and end up with a piece of their work in the annual show, so students should never be discouraged. One can never know what kind of talent he or she possesses.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Saint Leo's local celebrity: D2!R

**BY COLLEEN SHANAHAN**
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Saint Leo University isn't just known for its affordable quality education anymore. Musician D2!R, better known as Kyle Rowland, has put Saint Leo on the map with his amazing talent in the R&B/ hip hop genre.

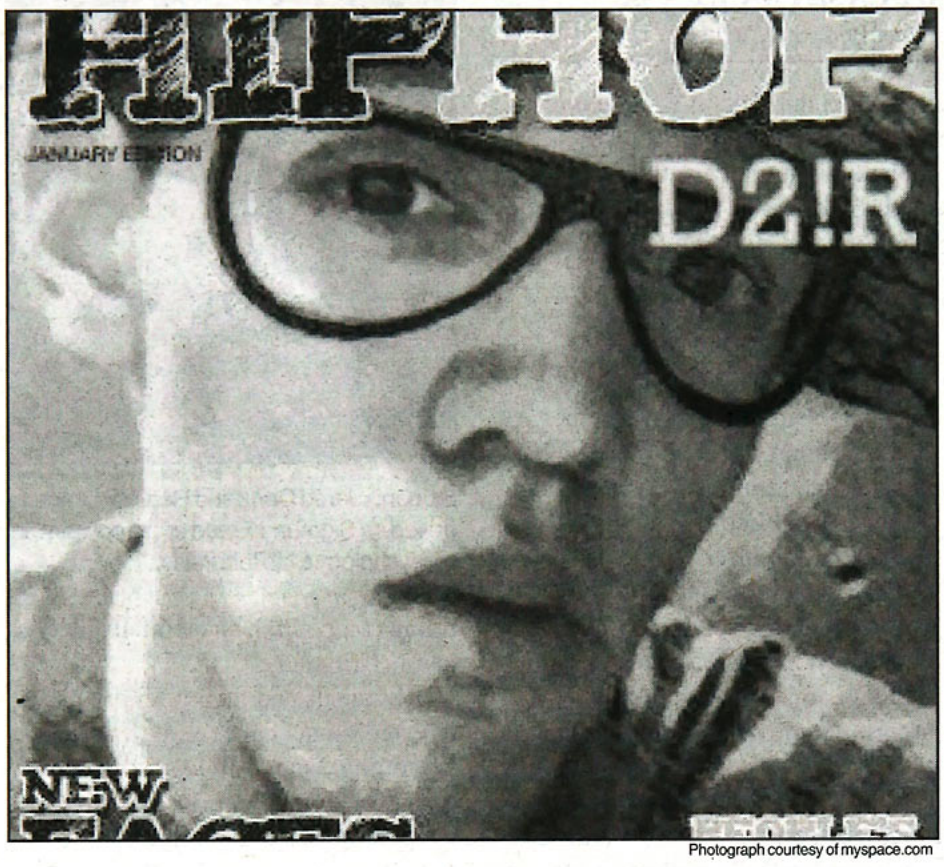
D2!R music interest started early, as most do.

"I've been into music since I was old enough to comprehend it! I was probably around 4 or 5 years old when I started singing songs I heard on the radio. I started getting serious about it during my senior year of high school," said Rowland.

Music in Rowland's life proves to be his true passion.

"I love the fact that I have the ability to write and create music, and out of all my talents, it is the one I enjoy doing the most," said Rowland.

"My mom used to sing around the house when she was cleaning and stuff. Maybe she has been my main influence. I'm not really sure about that," said Rowland.



Photograph courtesy of myspace.com

Before realizing his dream of a music career, Rowland was really into basketball.

"Because my dream was to become the next Michael Jordan, I was constantly wrapped up in basketball functions, and, therefore, never took my musical inquiries seriously. That was when I decided to buy myself a beat making program for my computer," said Rowland.

After his acquisition of a beat program, Rowland was on his way to becoming D2!R.

"I made hundreds upon hundreds of beats since then, and LOVE every moment I spend on each note I put down. I have about 40 amateur songs recorded that I would love to sell. I'd love to give them away to any big name artist who would like to sing them, but I guess I am not quite there yet," said Rowland.

Rowland, when thinking of music, has a very creative way to, well, create.

"Most of my songs are just stories I thought up in my head, actually. After I make the beats, I usually begin thinking up the story that the music sounds like it is telling, then I go from there," said Rowland.

While being at college is tough for most college students, it is especially tricky for Rowland.

"Being away from home makes it VERY difficult to record songs, but school and basketball don't really affect my writing and beat creation process. When I go home, I usually have 5 or 10 songs ready for recording, which isn't necessarily a bad thing," said Rowland.

Rowland has been inspired by many things, but he has a special few who have helped him along the way.

"I have to thank God for blessing me with this talent, as well as my supportive friends, and my friend and teammate Saladeem Dewberry for helping me complete a few tracks, and my friend and fellow artist 'Worm,' for helping me record a few of my tracks," said Rowland.

Rowlandis very accessible to fellow Saint Leo students.

"I can be contacted through myspace (myspace.com/djd2rowland) in regards to anything musically that anyone would like from me. However, I am limited to whatever I can do around school and basketball season," said Rowland.

Currently, Rowland is thriving in his music career and completing his major in sociology. When he is not recording his tracks, he can be found playing Nintendo, watching cartoons, playing tennis, or writing or creating music.

While up and coming musicians' careers or interests can fade over time, Rowland is very optimistic about anything that could come his way.

"I am not sure where my music will take me in five years; maybe I'll be on MTV or BET in a video, or maybe I'll still just be making music for fun. Wherever it takes me, I hope I still enjoy doing it as much as I do now," Rowlandsaid.

So students, on the way to classes, be on the lookout for the up and coming artist.

To learn more about or to contact D2!R, go to his Myspace account: myspace. com/djd2rowland

"I have some of those 'song compilation' CDs I was talking about available (free) for anyone who might like to stop by and pick one up," said Rowland.

## Upcoming Events

**Seussical the Musical, a spectacle galore!**
**With *whosits* and *whatists*, all can adore.**

**Find your innerness of inner child,**
**And prepare for you imaginations to run wild.**

**With multiple showings from the 13th to the 16th of November,**
**Horton's whimsical adventures will be one to remember.**

**From the smallest of Whos, on a dust speck windblown,**
**To the greatest of Elephants who's heart sought a friend all his own.**

**Saint Leo's Ministry will put on this play,**
**Come and join us for each and every day!**

## The Haunting of Molly Hartley? Not so Haunting.

**BY KERRI HEASLEY**
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

If movie goers were drawn to the theater to view *The Haunting of Molly Hartley* because of its Halloween release date, they were sadly misguided. The lackluster movie barely had any scary elements, and did not frighten viewers as the previews had promised.

*The Haunting of Molly Hartley* was basically about a girl experiencing hallucinations because of an agreement her mother and father made when she was born. The day she turns 18, the prophecy that her parent's agreed to would occur, changing her world forever. The duration of the movie is about Molly trying to run from her fate, although it seems inevitable.

The ending left a lot to the imagination. Gruesome things were expected to happen, but nothing was explained thoroughly. The ending was considerably the worst part of the movie. It could have been taken in so many different interesting directions, but it fell flat.

As far as the plot goes, *The Haunting of Molly Hartley* had the potential to be a really well developed motion picture. The film excelled in making the audience jump at certain points, not because anything was particularly scary, but because the events were a surprise.

Molly Hartley was portrayed by Haley Bennett (2007's Music and Lyrics) and her performance was mildly disappointing. She was not a very convincing actress in scenes of fear or distress. She seemed to be trying too hard rather than letting it come naturally.

The one good thing about the movie came in the form of Chace Crawford. Crawford (of Gossip Girl fame) played Molly's love interest Joseph Young. Besides being very nice to look at, Crawford also seems to have better acting skills than Bennett. He transitioned nicely from television acting to acting on the big screen, but he needs to pick better roles in order to experience longevity in the industry.

*The Haunting of Molly Hartley* is not one to watch if looking for something scary. It is more of a thriller, but even then it was not very thrilling.

# Long live Pere Ubu!

**BY SIMONE WILLIAMS**
Lions' Pride Ad Manager

Any production that starts off with a young man in half-drag monotone dancing to Insane-O-Flex's "I Like Your Booty (But I'm Not Gay)" is a production worth seeing.

Alfred Jarry's *Ubu Roi* was put into production on Wednesday, October 21 by Saint Leo University's David McGinnis. Seats were filled five minutes after doors opened resulting in an amazing turnout. There was even a fight or two over reserved seats versus regular ones.

The pre-show extravaganza was akin to an eccentric night club. Leo Competello, who also plays Captain Bordue, opened the pre-show with his not so hot dancing skills that had everyone in the audience laughing. He was soon followed by almost *Superstar* reenactment and a toilet paper rave. The entire time, Dr. Shawn Bingham sat atop his toilet throne.

And then, the play began.

The opening scene featured Mere Ubu and Pere Ubu, played by Jessica O'Keefe and Joseph Pless. O'Keefe had the audience in tears with her sloppy makeup, abrasive attitude towards her husband, and heavy New York accent. Pless' performance was superb with his accurate depiction of a fat, sloppy, greedy oaf.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Pere Ubu insults a peasant for losing the race while his wife Mere Ubu tries to shut him up.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Bougrelas fights for his family's honor against one of Pere Ubu's henchmen.

Pere Ubu is relentless in his political ambition and idiotic in his plans for complete take over. With his vicious badger, played by Julia Tealo, and Polish cronies, played by Lisa Lomaglio, Brittney Currie, and Emily Belvo, Pere Ubu was unstoppable.

With its random and hilarious improvisation, arbitrary insertion of author, and heavy use of swears, *Ubu Roi* is not meant for everyone. It follows the main character's political—and marital—exploits with obvious adaptations of situations normally seen in Shakespearean dramas. For example, Mere Ubu is similar to Lady Macbeth with her encouragement of Pere Ubu to kill King Wenceslas (Bingham).

While the play itself was golden, there were some areas that were a bit gilded. The excessive amount of swearing wasn't too pleasant on the ears. And, although Pless played a great oaf, he wasn't always as clear when speaking. The set and costumes were more than a little budgeted. While frequent referral to location helped the audience to figure out where characters were, it was still a hassle to figure out. Also, the costumes could have been a bit clearer. For instance, Tealo's "badger" costume resembled the getup of a Viking woman mixed with Hellcat Maggie from *Gangs of New York*.

# Monday Night Raw invades the St. Pete Times Forum

**BY ANDREW SHALNA**
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The explosions were loud and the arena smelled of gun powder. Hordes of signs and banners overshadowed the thousands in attendance. The music was nearly deafening and a steel cage hung over the ring. World Wrestling Entertainment's Monday Night Raw was in town at the St. Pete Times Forum on November 3, 2008. Emotions were high and the energy rivaled that of one of the many pay-per-views the WWE has monthly. This was also a special night. It was the 800th Episode Celebration.

Throughout the night, clips from the previous seven-hundred and ninety nine episodes were played on the enormous video screen above the superstar entrance. Clips containing past fan favorites Stone Cold Steve Austin and Degeneration X garnered the most cheering, as both Stone Cold and D-X were the biggest superstars at what many consider the height of the WWE during the Attitude Era in the late 1990's. D-X would reunite midway through the program for a tag match versus The Miz and John Morrison. Past superstars were brought out sporadically through the night to help celebrate, including several at once during the "Kung Fu Naki" segment.

The program kicked off with a bang, literally, as fireworks and explosions lit up the entrance ramp. Near pay-per-view quality matches occurred throughout the three hour night, including an eight man battle royal for the right to fight for the Intercontinental Championship, a "16 Diva Tag-Team Match" highlighted by diva pioneer Mae Young getting back into the ring, a reunited Degeneration X in tag team action, a rare appearance by Smackdown superstar Undertaker, and the main event Steel Cage Match, pitting World Heavyweight Champion Batista against Y2J Chris Jericho, with Y2J ultimately escaping the cage and defeating Batista for the World Heavyweight Championship.

The excitement spilled out into Channelside after the program ended. Many were still chanting for their favorite superstar as they headed out of the arena. The energy was still high, with fans still excited from

## Now On...

The Big Screen
Quantum of Solace 11/14
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**Amputechture**
The Mars Volta
**Chinese Democracy**
Guns N' Roses
**Dark Horse**
Nickelback
**David Cook**
David Cook
**I am...Sasha Fierce**
Beyonce

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Wall-E 11/18
Tropic Thunder 11/18
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 11/18
Hancock 11/25

# Sports

Seniors Sarah and Amanda Tatko. Photograph courtesy of Sarah Tatko

## Tatko vs.Tatko

**BY CAITLIN CRAFT**
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

Diving into the pool one after the other, seniors Amanda and Sarah Tatko are the swimming Tatko twins ready to take the Blue Grass Conference by storm during their last year at Saint Leo University. Despite their physical similarities, these fraternal twins do have their differences in their interests and hobbies. However, as Amanda and Sarah continue their road through college life, they know they will always have each other to lean on.

As distance swimmers on the women's swim team, both Tatkos have the endurance in the pool, during violin practice, and in the classroom. Swimming and violin have been two things that Sarah and Amanda have always done together. With little interest in the same subjects at school, after school activities were a time when they could spend together.

"For the most part we have always been involved in the same thing, and that might be because we were never in the same class in elementary school and we had some different classes in middle school too," said Amanda.

"Now we are separated a bit; she does Psi Chi, and I do Sigma Tau Delta; she does psych club and I do book club. We really don't have any classes together either," said Sarah.

Of course, each sibling pair has their competitive side, and Amanda and Sarah are no different. They both strive to top the other, but they are both good sports about it. Regardless who wins they are both happy they can keep it in the family.

"I am better at the long distance events, which is what we swim, but she is better in the strokes and sprinting," said Sarah.

"I used to be the better swimmer when we started in fourth grade, and then something happened many years ago and she overpowered me," said Amanda.

There is not scientific reason why these two cannot seem to find some common ground when it comes to certain subjects, such as their major or their overall personality. Neither one has any clue why the other would want to major in English or psychology. They may look very similar as they glide through the water in their long journey to the finish line, but deep down Sarah is striving to capture everyone's attention and Amanda is just observing and waiting to make her move.

"Even though we're very similar, we do have different personalities. Sarah has always been more outgoing out of the two of us; whereas, I like to stay back and observe things or just let things play out," said Amanda.

"She'll stand up for me if she has too; she is very protective and the more sentimental one when it comes to us. She plays the older sister role even though we are only 2 minutes apart," said Sarah.

Their minor differences will not keep these two from taking their mark, but it certainly will change how they make their mark.

## SAINT LEO SCORES

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| **Men's Cross Country** | Oct. 25, 2008 SSC Championship | **Women's Soccer** | Nov. 9, 2009 Florida Southern |
| Oct. 11, 2008 | 6th | Oct. 29, 2008 | 3-2 W Shootout |
| Disney Invitational | **Men's Soccer** | Nova Southeastern | **Volleyball** |
| 27th | Oct. 29, 2008 | 7-1 W | Nov. 2, 2008 |
| Oct. 25, 2008 | Nova Southeastern | Nov. 2, 2008 | Rollins |
| SSC Championship | 3-1 W | Rollins | 2 p.m. |
| 5th | Nov. 4, 2008 | 1-0 L | Nov. 7, 2008 |
| **Women's Cross Country** | Nova Southeastern | Nov. 4, 2008 | Lynn |
| Oct. 11, 2008 | 3-1 W | Lynn | 2-3 L |
| Disney Invitational | Nov. 7, 2008 | OT 2-1 W | Nov. 8, 2008 |
| 33rd | Tampa | Nov. 7, 2008 | Nova |
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| | | 3-1 W Shootout | |

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

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| Volleyball | Women's Basketball | Men's Basketball | Men's Basketball |
| Nov. 15, 2008 | Nov. 16, 2008 | Nov. 19, 2008 | Nov. 21, 2008 |
| 2 p.m. | 4 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Women's Basketball | Women's Basketball | Women's Basketball | |
| Nov. 15, 2008 | Nov. 19, 2008 | Nov. 21, 2008 | |
| 7:30 p.m. | 5:30 p.m. | 5:30 p.m. | |

# Three lions have last match on home field

**These three amazing athletes have taken the women's soccer program far past it's original expectations. As these three women strive to continue their education they leave their playing time behind. It is now time for them to be awarded for their records, their victories, and their dedication to a game that they have so rightfully played at Leo.**

Lauren Hudson Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Lizzie Seedhouse Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Luisa Metallo Photograph by Caitlin Craft

# We are the champions

**BY CAITLIN CRAFT**
Lions' Pride Sports Writer

Photograph by Caitlin Craft
Lions celebrate after tournament win.

The lady Lions have done it. After coming up short the past couple years, the Lions took the challenge by its legs and dragged it all the way to the final shootout. After a nail biting victory over Rollins College on Nov 7, the Lions advanced to another long nerve-racking game.

If fans know about Lions soccer, they should have been prepared for the team to take it to the very last extreme. The Lions ended the first half of the game down by one against Florida Southern College, but with a little less than ten minutes in the second half, freshman Pia Soesemann, with the assistance by senior Lizzie Seedhouse, came up with a big goal off a corner kick. Both teams had opportunities to score, but defense on both sides was holding tight, which is what brought both teams out of regulation and into overtime.

Both overtime periods went by without scoring. So with a minute and twenty seconds left in the final overtime period Head Coach Ged O'Connor started to put his penalty kickers on the field in good preparation for a final shootout to decide who would take home the title.

Senior goal keeper Lauren Hudson says that she loves penalty kicks and was as ready for these as she was for the semifinal shootout. With all the Lions fans up off their seats and headed for the designated goals, the five chosen Lions headed for the field to take their kicks against

Freshman Francesca Williams, sophomore Sian Webster, Hudson, and sophomore Kiki Day all took the walk to the penalty line. All made it except for Webster and Hudson sealed the win with a final save.